

Mindset
Mindset Of Confidence
Cornerstone Church of Poway
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Big Idea: Understanding **who Christ is**, and **who we are in Him**, will empower us to live out our new identity.

“Set your mind on the **things above**, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is **hidden with Christ** in God.”

Colossians 3:2-3 (NASB) Remember Verses

“For we know that **all creation** has been **groaning** as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. And **we believers also groan**, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for **we long** for our bodies **to be released from sin and suffering**. We, too, wait with **eager hope** for the day when God will give us our full rights as **His adopted children**, including the **new bodies** He has promised us.” **Romans 8:22-23 (NLT2)**

I Can Have A Mindset Of Confidence When I Trust:

1. God Is For Me _____

“And we know that in **all things** God works for the good of those who **love Him**, who have been called according to His purpose.” **Romans 8:28 (NIV)**

“What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If **God is for us**, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself.” **Romans 8:31-33 (NLT2)**

Notes: _____

2. Jesus Is _____

Who is he that condemns? No one. Christ Jesus, **who died**--more than that, who was **raised to life**--is at the right hand of God and is also **interceding** for us."

Romans 8:34 (NIV)

"My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an **advocate** who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous." **1 John 2:1 (NLT2)**

Notes: _____

3. Nothing Can Separate Me From _____

"Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us." **Romans 8:35, 37 (NLT2)**

"And I am **convinced** that nothing can ever separate us from **God's love**. **Neither death nor life**, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. **No power** in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is **revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord**." **Romans 8:38-39 (NLT2)**

Notes: _____

➤ **What would my life look like if I really believed God is for me?**

My next right step, I will:

[] Rest in the truth God is working things out for my good

[] Serve someone who is in need

[] Accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior



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Talk It Over

Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it to 12 minutes or less.]

Small Groups: [Choose as many questions that honor your group’s time.]

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Open in Prayer:

Icebreaker: What is something that you are confident in?
What might shake your confidence?

Going deeper: What is your greatest fear in our current pandemic?

- What thoughts from this week’s message encourage me to live a life for Jesus?

Read Romans 8:22-23

How have you seen the effect of universal sin on creation in your lifetime?

How do you see the effect on your body?

What is our hope as believers?

I Can Have A Mindset Of Confidence When I Trust:

1. God Is For Me Not Against Me

Read Romans 8:28

How have you seen God bring good out of bad situations in the past?

Read Romans 8:31-33

How does God prove that He is for us?

What do you learn from verse 33?

2. Jesus Is Interceding For Me

Read Romans 8:34 and 1 John 2:1

What do you learn about Jesus?

Life Application Study Bible. Romans 8:34

Paul says that Jesus is pleading for us in heaven. God has acquitted us and has removed our sin and guilt, so it is Satan, not God, who accuses us. When he does, Jesus, our advocate, sits at God's right hand to present our case.

3. Nothing Can Separate Me From The Love Of God

Read Romans 8:35-37

Do you ever feel like God doesn't like you or is mad at you when things go wrong?
How are these verses comforting?

Read Romans 8:38-39

What do you learn about God's love for you?

Life Application Study Bible. These verses contain one of the most comforting promises in all Scripture. Believers have always had to face hardships in many forms: persecution, illness, imprisonment, and even death. These sometimes cause them to fear that they have been abandoned by Christ. But Paul exclaims that it is *impossible* to be separated from Christ. His death for us is proof of his unconquerable love. Nothing can separate us from Christ's presence. God tells us how great his love is so that we will feel totally secure in him. If we believe these overwhelming assurances, we will not be afraid.

8:38 Powers are unseen forces of evil in the universe, forces like Satan and his fallen angels (see [Ephesians 6:12](#)). In Christ we are super-conquerors, and his love will protect us from any such forces.

Close in Prayer: **Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.**
